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Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub No. 283X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption – Orange County, NY

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

On January 12, 2007, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed a petition for exemption to abandon a 1.64-mile line of railroad between mileposts ZU 45.00 and ZU 46.64 in Hamman, Orange County, New York. NSR also sought an exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) requirements and public use requirements.

On February 20, 2007, Mr. James Riffin filed a motion for leave to intervene in this proceeding for the purpose of opposing the proposed exemption from the OFA provisions. Mr. Riffin also filed a notice of his intent to file an offer of financial assistance.

In a decision served May 2, 2007, the Board granted the exemption to abandon and the exemption from public use requirements, subject to environmental and standard employee protective conditions, but denied the request for exemption from OFA requirements. The Board also ordered that NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board by May 2, 2008.

By letter to the Board dated July 6, 2007, NSR asked that the Board modify the exemption to permit only the discontinuance of service over the line and to declare the notice of intent to submit an OFA and accompanying request for line valuation information moot. To date, the Board has not issued any decision with regard to NSR's request.

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In order to protect its right to consummate the abandonment of the line and pending the Board's decision with regard to NSR's request to modify the exemption to permit only the discontinuance of service over the line, NSR requests the Board to extend the due date for NSR to file its notice of consummation for one year, to May 2, 2009.

Thank you for your assistance

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Paschall", written in a cursive style.

James R Paschall

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